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FIGHTING CONFINED TO POOTUNG

Western Powers To Suggest Agenda For Talks On Germany

Paris, May 22.—The three Western Foreign Ministers may take the initiative in proposing the agenda for the "Big Four" Conference on Germany. A usually reliable source said today that this was one of the many points on which Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State, and M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, have worked out a common attitude in their meetings at the French Foreign Office yesterday and today.

Subjects which the Western powers would suggest for discussion with the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, would include, the source added:

1.—The political and economic problems involved in the unity of Germany.

2.—The Berlin currency problem and other economic consequences of the lifting of the blockade.

3.—The peace treaty with Germany.

The Western Foreign Ministers, this source suggested, would also urge M. Vyshinsky to accept the inclusion of the Austrian peace treaty on the agenda.

MINIMUM CONDITIONS

They would also make acceptance of the Bonn Constitution for the whole of Germany and very adequate guarantees for genuine democratic freedom in the Soviet Zone the minimum conditions for bringing the Eastern Zone into a united Germany.

The "Big Four" will meet in the luxurious Rose-Marble Palace in the West End of Paris tomorrow in the first major attempt to solve the German problem on a four-power basis since the abortive London Conference of December, 1947.

After today's meeting of the three Western Foreign Ministers, which lasted nearly 90 minutes, Mr. Michael McDermott, the State Department Press Officer, said: "They have been talking on the German problem for some time and they all know now exactly what they want to do." He added that they were ready for the opening session tomorrow.

Of the four Foreign Ministers meeting tomorrow, Mr. Bevin is a veteran of former meetings of

the Council, which was set up under the Potsdam Agreement of 1945. This will be the first meeting for Mr. Acheson and M. Schuman and the first at which M. Vyshinsky will be the chief Soviet delegate.

DIFFERENT SITUATION

The last meeting of the Council, which ended in December, 1947, after three weeks of acrimonious discussions in London, was attended by Mr. Bevin, M. Georges Bidault, for France, Mr. George Marshall, for the United States, and M. Vyacheslav Molotov, for Russia.

When they assemble tomorrow, the four Foreign Ministers will face a very different situation from that which confronted their predecessors in London.

"During the interval the position in Germany and the overall relationship of the Western powers and the Soviet Union had radically changed. The Western powers have consolidated their position in Europe. The battle for European recovery, fought under the guidance of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, has turned favourably for the Western powers.

On the political front, the Western powers have strengthened their position through the North Atlantic Pact and the establishment of the Council of Europe.

Thus, when they face the Russians across the conference table, tomorrow, they will be in a far stronger position than they were at the Moscow Conference early in 1947 and at the London Conference at the end of the year.—Reuter.

War Criminals Escape

Landau, Germany, May 22.—The United States Army authorities revealed today that two Germans convicted of war crimes committed while on the staff at Dachau, and Buchenwald concentration camps escaped from Landau Prison yesterday.

The men were identified as Alois Wipflinger, serving a life term for war crimes committed while on the staff at Dachau, and Werner Greuness, serving 20 years for crimes committed as an assistant physician at Buchenwald.—United Press.

Death For S'hai Dollar Dealers

Shanghai, May 22.—Six silver dollar dealers were executed at three different places downtown on Saturday while big crowds gaped. They were charged with disturbing the financial market under Communist orders. Three received bullets in the back of the head from police guns at the intersection of Tibet Road and Avenue Edward 7th, one of the most densely populated districts in the city.

Two more were shot on Nanking Road and the last fell on Avenue Joffre in the centre of Frenchtown.

The public execution spots were deliberately chosen to impress the public on how order was maintained and to have a restraining effect on other money dealers.

It evidently served its purpose for today the black market silver dollar exchange rate dropped from Saturday's 6770, 000,000 to 6740,000,000 and the price of the money changers was hard to find. But in a day or two they will appear again as they always have and inflation will continue its dizzy whirl. In two weeks, nearly 40 money dealers, brokers, and money changers and Communist agents have fallen before the firing squads.—United Press.

POOTUNG FURTHER FIRES BREAK OUT

Situation Called "Desperate"

Shanghai, May 22.—The Pootung sector, directly opposite the desolate Bund, appeared to be the only scene of fighting this morning when mortar and small arms fire could be distinctly heard coming from that direction.

The nearest Red forces are placed at no more than one and a half miles from Shanghai's economic and financial nerve centre.

Several fires are still raging in Pootung—some of them a few days old and some others which have just started.

Quiet prevailed on other fronts in the immediate vicinity of Shanghai including Lunghua Airport where three Chinese commercial planes landed yesterday afternoon without the benefit of Control Tower service.

The machines are believed to have come from the Chinese Air Force airfield at Kiangwan on the other side of the city. Kiangwan is now the most active of Shanghai's airports. As a tactical airfield with adequate refuelling and service teams on hand it enables fighters and bombers to mount scores of missions every 24 hours.

But these missions have slackened off somewhat recently compared with the earlier days of the Battle of Shanghai.

The closeness of the Nationalist and Communist lines and the consequent confused front requires 400-mile an hour Mosquitoes and Mustangs to come down for some pin-pointing work.

The overcast weather which has been prevalent here for the past few days also contributed to the reduction in air operations.

Officially, and from what could be seen of strafings and bombings, no Chinese Air Force planes have been shot down by Communist anti-aircraft fire although much flak has been reported in the north Pootung area. Mention was made a few days ago of four Chinese Air Force planes suffering damage from Communist anti-aircraft fire. One of the damaged machines force-landed on its belly and was totally wrecked.

Official Statement On H.K. Defences

Plans had been prepared for use, if necessary, of troops in support of the police forces in case of civil disturbance in Hongkong or the New Territories, a spokesman of the Defence Secretariat said officially here today, according to a report issued by the local office of Reuter's news agency.

The spokesman declined to comment on an internal threat to the colony, if any existed, nor to make any comparison with the situation in Malaya.

In an effort to clarify the differences of opinion about the local situation, expressed locally and abroad, the spokesman had been asked a week ago by Reuter for the Government's analysis of the threat to the colony, if one existed.

At the same time, the spokesman was asked if it were true that additional military units were shortly to be sent to the New Territories and that operational patrols in the border area were about to be started. He replied that "some changes in the present distribution of troops are being made in order to fit in reinforcements. These moves are largely administrative, organised to cause the minimum displacement of the civil authorities and the civilian population as a whole."

As regards the question about patrols, the answer is no, although the Army is always prepared and ready to support the police at short notice should it be necessary.

KAM-TIN AIRSTRIP
The spokesman said that no official decision had yet been made about the construction of a new airport at Kam-Tin, in the New Territories. The matter was still under consideration.

The strength of the Air Force in the colony was one fighter squadron of Spitfires, one general reconnaissance squadron of Sunderland flying boats, and one air observation post flight of Austin planes.

CAT NURSES SQUIRRELS



Gypsy, a black mother cat belonging to Mr and Mrs Preston Underwood of Nevada City, Calif., has been taking care of the two baby grey squirrels since they were born on Easter morning, the same day the cat's kittens were born. The squirrels were found alongside their dead mother by the Underwood children. The baby squirrels were placed in with the litter of kittens. Nature and Gypsy did the rest.—AP Picture.

Tornadoes Bring Death To 43 People

Chicago, May 22.—At least 43 persons were counted dead today and nearly 400 injured in broadside tornadoes and high winds that tore through towns in four mid-Western States, wrecking homes.

The authorities in some stricken cities feared the death toll would go higher after the rescue parties had completed their search through the litter of torn wires, uprooted trees, smashed cars and flattened homes.

In addition, scores of people were injured and sent to hospital, some in critical condition. Property damage is expected to run into millions of dollars.

At least five twisters and high winds swept through nearly a score of towns and farming communities in Missouri, southwestern Iowa, Illinois and Western Indiana. The storms climaxed a week of devastating twisters, floods and windstorms in the Southwest and Midwest that had claimed 10 other lives.

RIVER TOWN HIT

The United States Weather Bureau here said the storm system that produced the latest tornadoes had moved eastward into Ohio and West Virginia but had lost much of its intensity.

Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in old Mississippi River town, took the hardest blow with 20 known dead and some 250 injured. The Red Cross said it believed the death toll there might reach 25 as its rescue workers moved through the rubble of 433 wrecked homes.

Mayor Walter Ford estimated that 500 families were homeless at Cape Girardeau. Fifty-four injured remained in the hospitals and Mr Ford said some cases were critical and might die.

The National Guard companies patrolled the devastated areas at Cape Girardeau to prevent looting. Elsewhere in the tornado destruction areas violent thunderstorms and hailstorms lashed districts and high winds also caused damage. Twelve storage tanks of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana went up in a mass of flames at Wood River, Illinois, across the Mississippi River from St. Louis.—United Press.

West Berlin Police Show How It Should Be Done

Clear Station Of Strikers

Berlin, May 22.—British-controlled West German police tonight marched into Berlin's big Charlottenburg Station, cleared out clashing strikers and Soviet-controlled railway police, and occupied it.

At 9 p.m. West Berlin police were in complete control of the station, with strikers and railroad police re-assembling at a distance on both sides.

The key station had changed hands several times during the second day of the anti-Communist railroad men's strike to enforce demands that the Soviet railroad authorities should pay them in Western instead of Eastern marks.

Dr Ferdinand Friedensburg, "Western" Deputy Mayor of Berlin, tonight officially protested to the three-Power Allied Commandatura against the use of firearms by Soviet-controlled railway police on West sector railway stations.

Firing by railway police had already caused a number of casualties among West sector inhabitants, some of them non-strikers, he said.

SHOTS WOUND 12

West Berlin headquarters announced that during a series of clashes 12 strikers and citizens were wounded by shots.

Twenty-eight railroad police were injured during fighting with strikers yesterday and today, the Soviet-controlled railroad headquarters stated.

West sector police posted outside S-Bahn (elevated railroad) stations tonight reported the arrest of 10 civilians and 31 railroad police, all of whom were later released.

Fighting flared up at Charlottenburg tonight when railroad police fired on advancing strikers. Driven from the platform after a bloody struggle, the police recaptured part of the station with the aid of reinforcements rushed along the track from the Soviet sector.

But soon afterwards a strong detachment of Western sector police, armed with pistols and batons, entered the station and cleared the platforms.

PLATFORMS CAPTURED
Another large group of strikers at the same time stormed the station from the opposite direction. After a battle they succeeded in driving the railroad police detachment from the platforms.

The strikers, armed with clubs and stones, were accompanied by several hundred civilian sympathisers.

A number of railroad police fired shots, wounding some strikers. After the platform had been captured by the crowd, three railroad policemen were seen being led away by West sector constables who arrived after the first shots were fired.

Shortly after the strikers had captured the platform, large railroad reinforcements arrived along the track from the Soviet sector. After prolonged scuffling they managed to recapture part of the platforms.

Six Soviet officers watched the fight from a distance, but did not interfere.

TITO TO TELL THE WORLD

Belgrade, May 22.—Marshal Tito is expected to make an important speech this week on Yugoslav plans for trading with the west, as well as denouncing attacks by Russia and her satellites upon Yugoslavia.

Responsible diplomatic sources here expressed the opinion that those two themes will be the basis for Marshal Tito's speech which may come on May 25.

Marshal Tito, while attacking Russian "abuse" of Yugoslavia, is expected to reaffirm his loyalty to the Communist cause and to deplore pressure from the USSR which has hampered the fulfilment of common objectives.—Associated Press.

Sudden Strike Paralyzes Railways In North-Eastern Region Of Britain

London, May 22.—Passenger railway traffic in Britain's North-Eastern region was practically at a standstill today as the result of a 24-hour token strike by engine drivers and firemen.

Long-distance drivers and firemen on this route decided last night to strike every Sunday, beginning today, as a protest against the introduction of a "duty" scheme which would force them to spend nights away from home. Presently, the railway is taking over the journeys, the men were able to return home to sleep.

The headquarters of the North-Eastern Region of the Railways reported today that they had managed to get Sunday newspapers through to their destinations almost everywhere. About 3,000 men are affected by the strike.

At London, terminus trains for the North-East were leaving on schedule, although passengers were warned that they might not get through.

The Avonmouth dockers' strike, which was caused by the worldwide Canadian Seamen's Union stoppage, spread to Bristol today. About 150 of the 600 Bristol dockers attended a mass meeting of the Avonmouth strikers and then decided on a sympathetic stoppage tomorrow. The other 450 Bristol men will be informed of the decision when they report for work tomorrow.

The 1,200 Avonmouth dockers will not return to work because they allege that 150 of them are being penalised for refusing to work the 7,145-ton Canadian vessel Montreal City, one of the ships involved in the Canadian Seamen's Union dispute. The Port of Bristol Employers' Association tonight denied that the 150 Avonmouth men had been "locked out" because they had refused to work the Montreal City.

The statement said: "The men who willingly accepted employment, and actually commenced the discharge of the Montreal City were forced to stop under a definite threat by their mates that work on all vessels would stop if the discharge continued."

A total of 17 ships are affected at Avonmouth and four others now at Bristol will be affected tomorrow. The strikers sent a representative to address a meeting at Bristol, the "Moxy" port adjoining Liverpool tonight and deputations are to be sent to other ports.

An Avonmouth dockers' strike tonight urged Liverpool dockers to carry out their work normally. "Don't do anything now because, if you take drastic action, you will be sinking us," he told a dockers' meeting.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Artificial Devaluation

HOWEVER temporary it may prove to be, the devaluation of the Hongkong dollar resulting from last week's activities on the part of speculators and panicky opportunists, is a disquieting event, and could be advanced as a powerful argument against continuation of the gold trading restrictions recently imposed at the behest of the International Monetary Fund. The pundits were convinced from the start that the restrictions were bound to have an adverse effect upon the Hongkong dollar and commodity prices, and what has followed their imposition goes a long way toward proving those convictions. Even the Financial Times has found itself constrained to comment in deprecating tones on the sharp decline of the Hongkong dollar, especially in its relation to the "hard" currencies, and reaches the conclusion that it has been fundamentally brought about by the sealing off of the free gold trading market. Nevertheless, there have been other contributing factors: one has been a sudden return of big denominational Hongkong bank notes from the interior whose owners, suddenly panic-stricken about the stability of the local dollar, have clamoured for conversion of their holdings into gold notes, jewellery and precious stones. And while these transactions were not sufficient in volume to rock to the foundations the stability of the Hongkong dollar, they succeeded in undermining to some degree confidence in the Colony's currency. Moreover, the availability of the United States "greenbacks" last week indicated only too clearly that there was a willingness on the part of interested parties to contribute to the artificial, but unfortunate devaluation of our dollar. It was known, for example, that U.S. notes

were flown into Hongkong, and that it was possible, at certain places, to get American-denomination travellers' cheques changed into these notes less discount, which, in turn were unloaded on to the "free" market for handsome profits in Hongkong dollars. The paying out of "greenbacks" for travellers' cheques, if not strictly illegal (and it is of interest to observe that these cheques have printed on them the declaration that they are convertible in the currency of the country in which they are cashed) was, to say the least, not particularly moral. The wholesale unloading of Hongkong dollars in exchange for U.S. currency and "solid" assets also had the effect of driving up commodity prices, in some lines as much as 100 percent, but overall an average of 30 percent—quite the most disastrous effect of these manipulations, and one which must give Government serious cause to think. At this time, more probably than any other since the Liberation, it is imperative for the Authorities to see that living costs are kept within reasonable bounds. Seasonal fluctuations in prices there must be, which, in due course, compensates themselves; but enforced increases which represent a reaction to currency and other forms of speculation are a burden which the community should not have to carry. Stability of our currency is the cornerstone of Hongkong's economic success, and if that stability is being jeopardised by artificial manipulation, the Authorities must take whatever action is necessary to correct the situation, even if that involves dispensing with restrictions which have been imposed in consequence of third party influence.

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London To Display HK Talent

From Our London
Correspondent

LONDON, May 13. MISS Diana Artemis Khan, who flew here in the specially-chartered Solent flying boat which brought the Hong-kong B.I.F. delegation to England to hold an exhibition of her work at Foyle's Art Gallery, Charing Cross Road, in the West End of London, next month.

But before the exhibition Miss Khan will appear before the BBC's television cameras to demonstrate her method painting to viewers. This transmission is due to go out on May 21.

A well-known British film company have also arranged for Miss Khan to demonstrate her painting for a series of short "interest" features, called "Signs of the Times."

Since she arrived here Miss Khan has visited most of the large art galleries—but when I asked her what she liked best about London, she replied with hesitation, "Your parks."

What she misses... But there is one thing that she misses—her swimming pool, at home.

"I love swimming," she told me. "But I am told it is too cold here to swim until the end of May."

Although her work is unknown here, I formed the opinion when she showed me her paintings today that her exhibition will be a great success. Her exquisitely delicate work will come as a breath of fresh air after the recent stormy debates about "modern" art.

Miss Khan, here is Sir Alfred Munnings, who started the straight-lined Royal Academy recently with an embittered attack on "Modern" art—much to the amusement of millions of radio listeners who heard the uproar which followed over the air.

"I would very much like to have Sir Alfred open my exhibition," Miss Khan said. "But perhaps he will be much too busy."

Since she arrived in London, Miss Khan has started work on another painting.

The exhibition which opens on June 1 and ends on July 2 will feature 80 of her paintings of Chinese beauties.

OFFSETTING HEIGHT



By ALICE ALDEN

PEG NEWTON, a tall girl herself, designs good clothes that are perfectly proportioned for her statuesque clients. There is one of her new designs, a soft two-piece, in which the skirt is so long that it reaches the floor. The soft jacket and the skirt are made of a material that is not too heavy for the floor. The skirt is so long that it reaches the floor. The soft jacket and the skirt are made of a material that is not too heavy for the floor.

WOMANSENSE



By ALICE ALDEN

Colourful Touch For Windows

By ELEANOR ROSS

PEOPLE may not judge a book by its cover, but chances are that they do judge a house by its windows. Fresh curtains, freshly cleaned, polished, and shining windows, do a double job of making both the interior and the exterior attractive. And if you want to greet this summer with a change of window decor, well, this is the season.

The shop windows with all sorts of novelties and fresh versions of old favourites. We admired a room for a young girl that had been made all fresh and bright with spanking white curtains.

Model Room Display. The window treatment emerged as the star attraction of a recent model room display, and rightly so. One set of windows used twin panels of tailored "organdie" banded in deep pastels. Twin panels with ruffled edges, the bottom of heavy cotton, the top of organdie with matching cotton ruffle, one panel keeping out the light, the other letting it in, proved a big success in another display room.

Speeding Up Household Jobs. BY ELEANOR ROSS. STARTING off today is a series of suggestions and ideas geared to make that resolution of a cleaner house by 12 o'clock a reality, instead of a pleasant dream.

Assuming that the master plan is being integrated after working out the daily and weekly plans, here are some hints to make the daily jobs even speedier, the majority of them trade secrets of old hands at house-keeping.

For this endless task of dish washing, organize it if you haven't an automatic machine. Use plenty of suds and rinse in hot water. Make use of a spray. Sift remove grease and a rolling pin. Hot water kills germs. Cover the washed dishes with a towel, and behold, they are ready for the next meal. To collect dishes from dining table, use a wicker or a tray. Reserve for cut but all needed before tea.

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A CHILD'S SAFETY RULES

By GARRY CLEVELAND
MYERS, Ph.D.

IN my mind I see many graves of little children who had their lives crushed out in the street, usually right by the home, sometimes within sight of the helpless father or mother, and as I see the many more young children crippled temporarily or permanently, losing a leg, arm or eye or left mentally impaired; and consider the heartaches, too, of the mothers and fathers of these children.

I can't keep from believing that most of these precious lives and bodies might have been saved and might now be whole if all those parents would use physical pain wisely and effectively to train the little child not to run into the street but to stay within clearly-designated boundaries.

With Little Pain

I know it can be done and with very little application of pain. I worked with our children when they were little, even when their playmates were not so trained. It has worked on many children on whom I have checked personally.

Learn from the farmer and his cows. He strings a single wire fastened to fragile posts and charged with a weak electric current around the field. The cows, after getting a shock just a few times from the wire, stay in the field. Aren't children as smart as cows? None would, of course, be so foolish as to wire the curb, too dangerous and impractical.

Invisible Wire

Let there be instead an invisible wire which can be instantly thrown about the lot in many other places also. Let this invisible wire be such that always the little child, say under four or five, about to step into the street unaided, would get a shock of instant physical pain (as by a sharp slap on his bare thighs) until he automatically avoids crossing the boundary but keeps himself out of the street. Even then don't be too sure, keep checking.

But lots of little children who have been spanked hard and often still rush into the street and many of them get killed. But they have often run into the street without getting spanked immediately or just were tapped against their clothes-armed fundament. It must hurt, be immediate and without exception to be effective.

This means that a responsible adult must be within arm's reach of the child two, three, or four, or five, whenever he is in the street until the safety habit is established.

Why be sentimental? Isn't it more humane thus to spank a child intelligently than to let a car or truck snuff out his life? Are we going to let him face death because of a silly doctrine which says, "Never spank a child?"

HOME CURE FOR ALLERGY

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE patient who suffers from an allergic disorder—hay fever, hives, asthma—can often be helped by a very simple method. One man, for instance, who was sensitive to animal hair, found that all his symptoms disappeared when he got rid of his shaving brush and began to use an electric razor. Numerous others have been helped simply by banishing feather pillows from the house.

A severe case of asthma, due to sensitivity to wood smoke, cleared up entirely when the living room fireplace was put on the inactive list.

But since there is scarcely an item of household use to which one patient or another will not be sensitive, the trick is to find which one is causing the trouble in an individual case. This may require a complete inventory of the patient's surroundings.

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Pretty Teeth Need Good Care



For those who are in the public eye, says Singer Jane Froman, a pretty smile is important. And you won't have a nice smile, she adds, if you neglect your teeth.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WITH teeth that are discoloured or of faulty formation, there isn't a chance of making the good-looks grade. Any woman can have teeth that qualify if she will deduct from the beauty budget whatever sums are necessary to meet the dentist's bills.

The wise girl trots to the dentist's office twice a year, doesn't wait until something goes wrong. Her teeth are examined and cleaned. If caries are present, they are given treatment. In the long run she will save money and pain.

The teeth should be brushed after each meal to remove particles of food that may be present. Sugar is a bad enemy. Chemical changes in a few hours and these changes can cause damage in time. Whenever you eat a lot of candy use the brush afterwards. No nasty brushing, either. Keep on scrubbing until your teeth carry a polish.

Place the bristles at the bases of the teeth, sweep downward with a shimmering movement. Dentists say that careless grooming means that while the outer surfaces may be cleaned, the sides of the teeth are neglected. One should brush the biting ends of the molars; decay comes offtesten in those areas.

Only the dentist's instruments will remove tartar that can cause serious trouble. Tartar consists of phosphate of lime deposited by the saliva. Mixed with this are food particles, and in it bacteria will flourish. When it first forms it is soft but within a period of twelve hours its removal is difficult.

If you brush your teeth only once a day, the brushing should be at night. But why not be a good girl, brush night and morning? And don't forget to chew your food well. The process of digestion begins in the mouth.

Let's Eat
BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Easy-to-Make Hors d'Oeuvres

MR. Braagard really seemed to be almost as much interested in cooking as in his hats. "I have to get home a bit early tonight, as I'm having some friends for dinner," he remarked. I pounced on this opening to ask for the menu. "Really?—it's too simple for your column," he demurred. "I don't have time to cook elaborate dishes."

"But our readers like simple foods that are easy to cook and inexpensive," I explained. "If they are careful in spending their food money, they are almost certain to be able to afford a pretty hat."

"Then they would like this dinner," he conceded. "For the first course I shall have Danish hors d'oeuvres. Today I shall buy them ready to wear."

"Yes, in this from the delicatessen. There are hundreds of kinds. Herring is good with eggs in a curry dressing, and cold salmon with onions is easy. I like smoked sturgeon or tinned sardines with lemon and sliced tomato. Or sometimes sliced sausages and cheese, and I often include macaroni salad. Of course, dark bread is always served."

"How about the main course tonight?" I asked. "I have a chops and potatoes."

"It will be a frikadelles," he explained. "This is a Danish way to prepare chopped meat. I shall use one-half pound each of raw chopped beef and pork. To this add 1 egg, 1 tsp. salt, a little pepper and a grated onion. This is beaten until light. Then I beat in as much milk as it will take, but not enough to make it lump, about a cupful."

"Do you shape the frikadelles with your hands?" I asked. "No, it's so soft it would run away. I melt enough butter in a skillet to cover the bottom. Then I put in the mixture with a tablespoon, as you do for potato cakes, and as it fries I shape the frikadelles with a spoon. They are fried slowly in oil, browned all over. Meanwhile, I shall bake potatoes, slow, with cabbage and a salad. Add cheese and coffee for dessert."

"And dinner will be ready in less than an hour," he said. "How did you suppose I was to cook? I have a trick. I was in Paris in my dining days, and I learned a good way to save myself. I am a Danish chef, so at first I cooked Danish dishes. Then I added French and Italian dishes."

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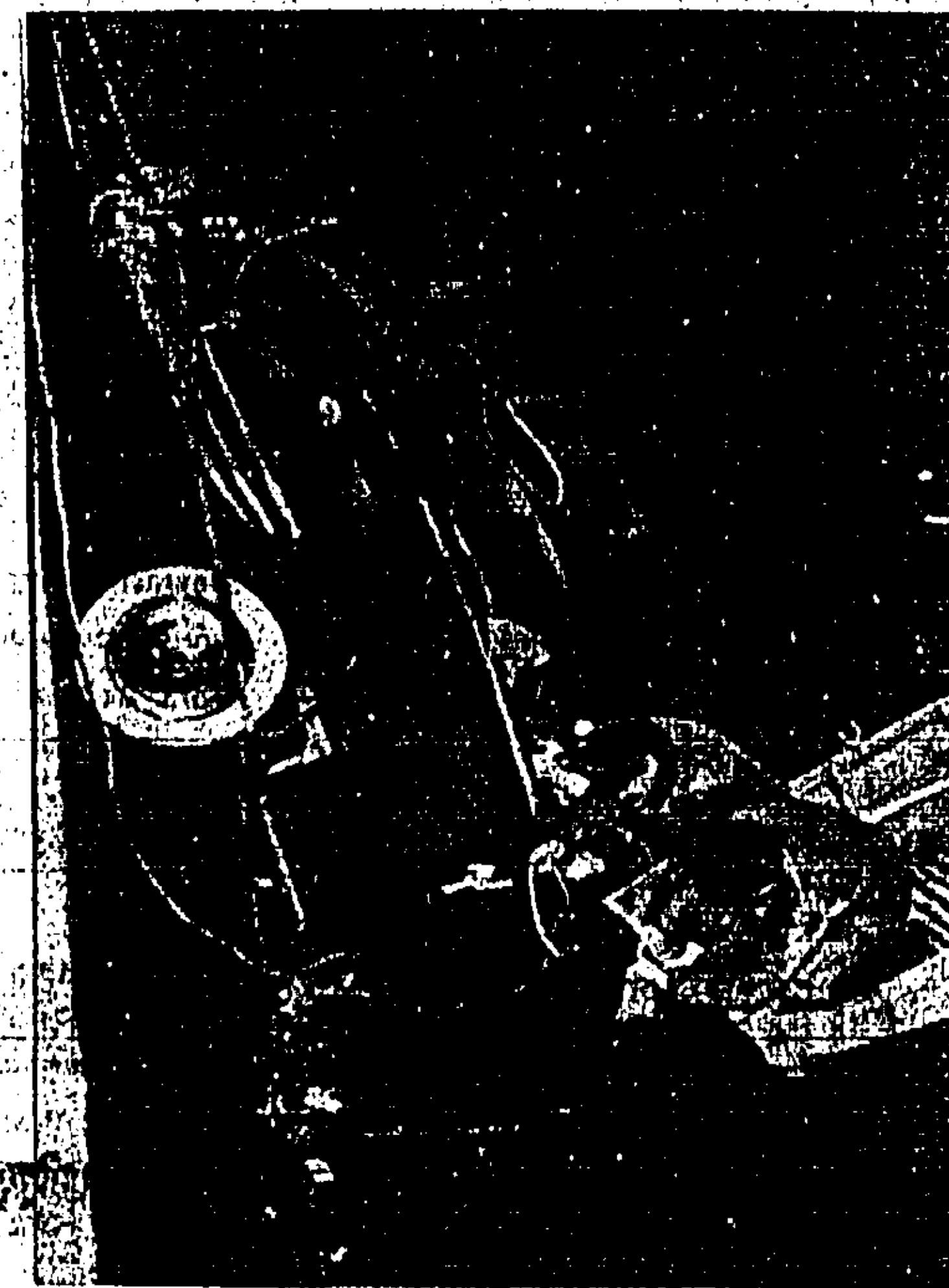
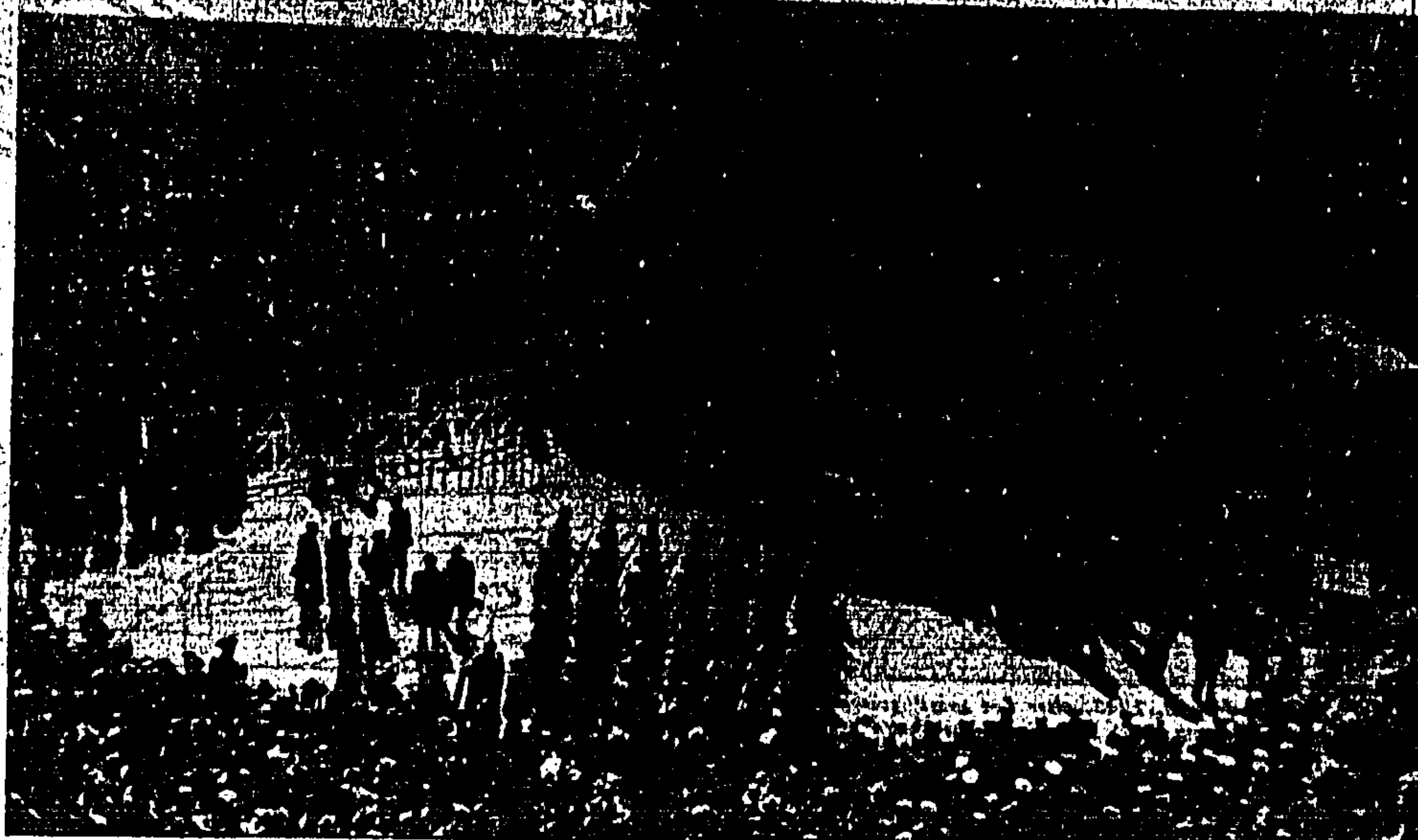
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Dinner
Danish Hors d'Oeuvres
Fillet of Flounder with Shrimps
Baked Potatoes
Tossed Green Salad
Danish Apple Cake
Coffee or Tea (Milk (Children)
All Requirements of a Dinner
Recipe Series Four

Filler of Flounder with Shrimps
Order 4 fillets of flounder. Dust with 1/2 tsp. flour. Place on a deep, fire-proof platter. Clean and chop 4 scallions with 2" of the tops. And enough chives to make 1 tbsp. Sprinkle over the fish. Dust with salt and pepper. Dot with 2 tbsp. butter or margarine. Pour around 1/2 c. boiling water and 1/2 c. cider, and bake about 20 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F. or until the fish begins to flake. Then around the edge put 1/2 lb. cooked shrimp (or 1 tin) drained, medium sized shrimp. Pour in 1/2 c. top milk or light cream, and bake 5 min. longer. Serve with applesauce.

Danish Apple Cake
Rub a qt.-sized bakidid pan with butter. or margarine. Mix together 2 c. fine stale bread crumbs (not dry), 1 tsp. cinnamon and 1/2 c. sugar. Put a 1/2 layer in the baking dish. Have ready a pint well-seasoned cinnamon apple sauce, or 1 (No. 2) tin apple sauce. Layer this over bread crumbs, continuing in this way until all ingredients are used, making the can layer crumbs. Press together with a spoon. Pour over 2 tbsp. melted butter or margarine. Bake 30 min. in a moderate oven 375-400° F. Half an hour longer if you use cinnamon-apple sauce. Sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon. Cooked applesauce spread half slices dark bread with butter, covered with baby shrimp.

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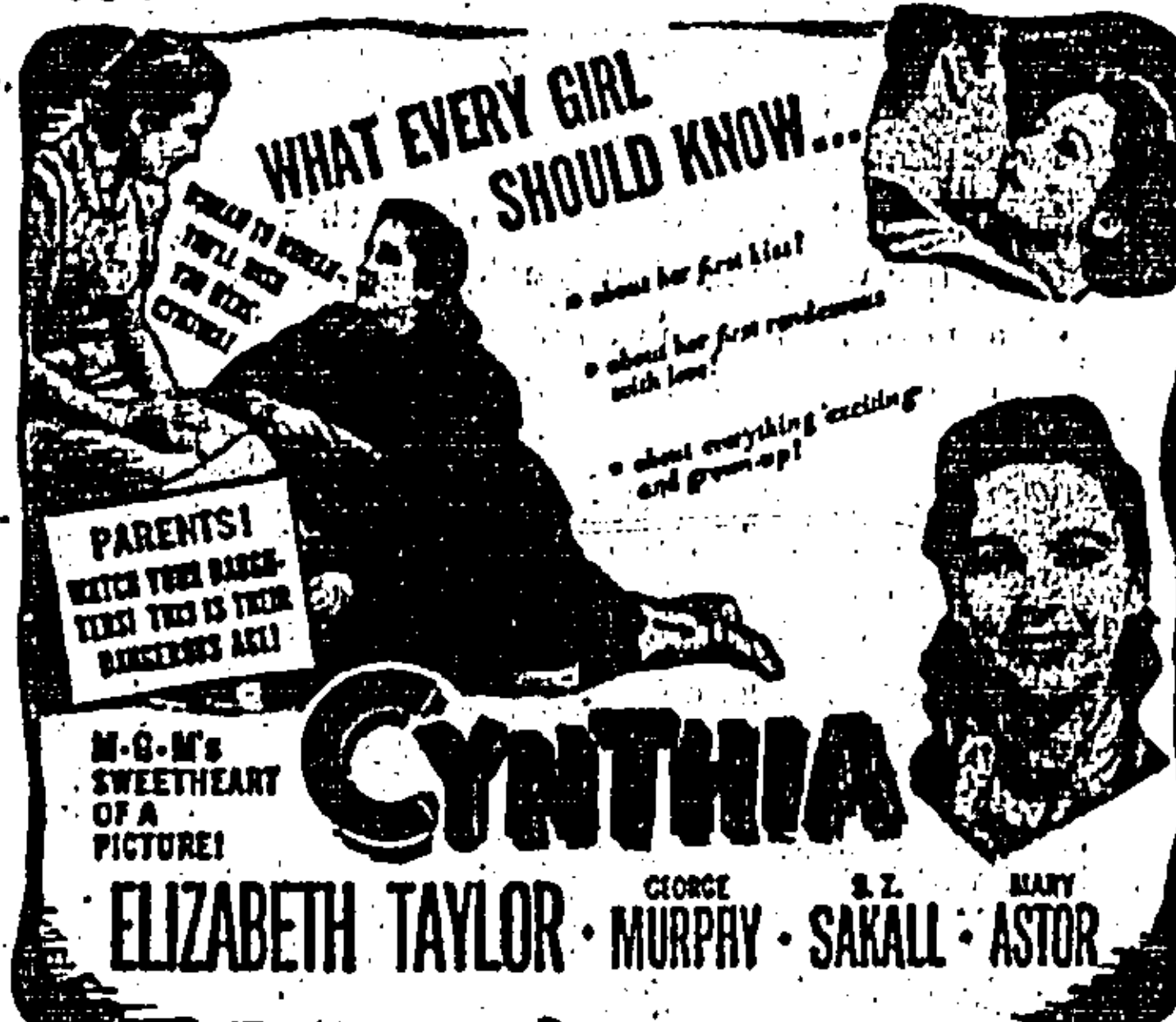
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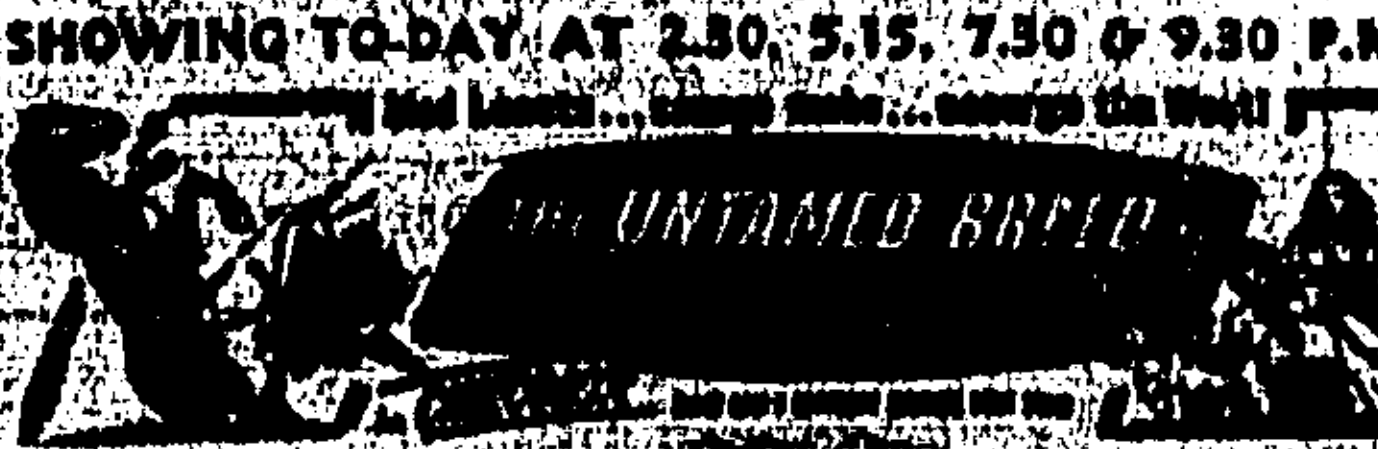


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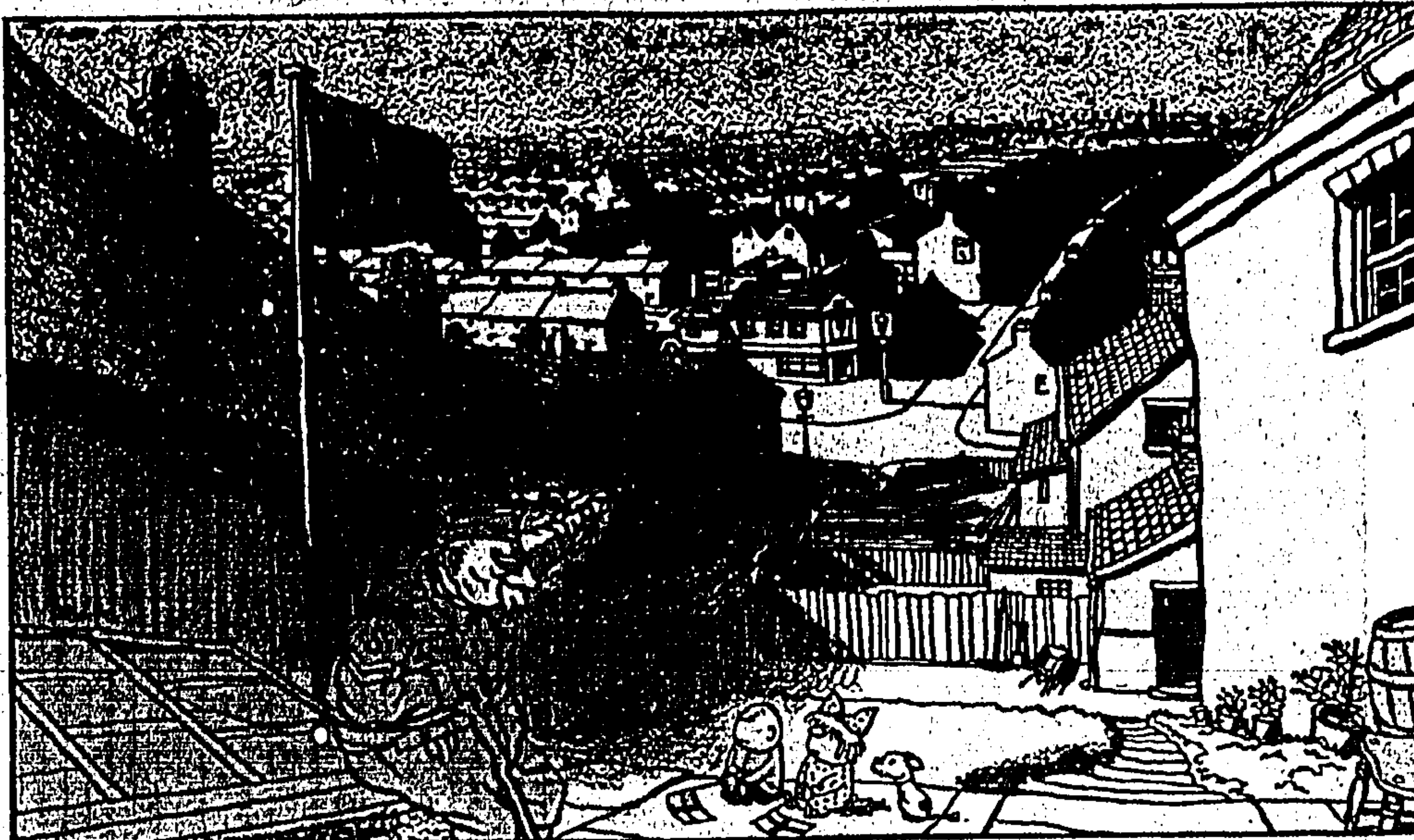
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London Express Service

The man they forgot to ask

by **SIDNEY RODIN**

WITH proud fanfare, the British Government welcomed the landing, on the Thames, on May 6, of a 35-ton Solent flying boat to mark the 30th anniversary of British commercial aviation.

The Government was naturally and understandably proud.

For this is an aircraft made in a nationalised factory—Short Brothers, who make Solents, were taken over in 1948—to run on a nationalised air line.

Important personages were invited to be present when the aircraft was named the City of London.

Among the company were the deputy-chairman of B.O.A.C. and other top-ranking bureaucrats as well as the Government nominees who are now running Shorts.

THE PRODUCT OF HIS GENIUS

But the Government did not appear to have invited the one man above all others who had the most right to be there—66-year-old Mr Oswald Short, last of the Short brothers, and one of Britain's greatest pioneers in the air.

Oswald Short invented the modern flying boat. With his own hands and brain he controlled the design of all succeeding Short machines right up to 1943, when the firm, of which he was managing director and largest shareholder, was wiped out as a private enterprise.

The Solent, which landed in the heart of London, was as much the product of his genius as its forerunner in which he alighted on the Thames opposite the Houses of Parliament 21 years ago, when his firm was making omnibus bodies to keep going.

SHAREHOLDERS BOUGHT OUT

The Government took over Short Brothers at the height of the war drive because, it was said, the firm was producing too few Stirling bombers at too high a cost.

The belief today is that Shorts, under state management, are not producing as cheaply as they would under private enterprise, although, as usual with state enterprises, no figures are issued.

All 4,000 Short shareholders had their shares bought out at 28s. 8d. although the break-up value was estimated to be around 42s.

THE SOLENT on the Thames

Mr Short was made honorary life president, but they tell me at Rochester that he has not been near the workshops he made famous since the day of the takeover.

He now farms in Cornwall, and in his leisure gets satisfaction in reading of the exploits of his machines in many theatres of war.

If he had any feelings about not being at the Thames ceremony—which I do not know—he has one consolation. Whitehall may have forgotten him, but Rochester remembered.

The city to which his energies brought unprecedented prosperity made him a freeman recently. Only five other freemen have ever been chosen by the city.

What did Rochester remember? Not just his generosity to the townfolk. They remembered a great man.

Youngest of four sons of a Sunderland engineer who died poor, Oswald, at the age of eight, first fired his imagination with aerial travel by reading the Greek legend, "The Capture of Pegasus."

In 1898 he made his first balloon ascent with his brother Eustace. Today, there is no one who went up in a balloon before him.

A few years later he narrowly escaped death when his balloon collapsed at 8,000 feet over Epping Forest and he pancaked 4,000 feet to earth with the fabric acting as a gigantic, swaying parachute.

PATENTED AN IMPROVED VALVE

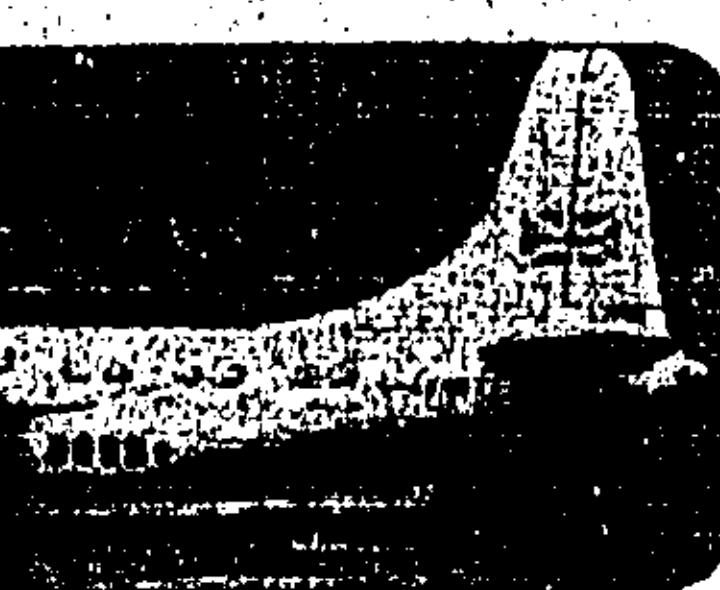
It was in character that he immediately diagnosed the fault—a valve torn from its seating—and within a year had patented an improved valve which he sold to the War Office.

After making paper air balloons for advertisers, Horace, the eldest brother, Eustace, and Oswald set up in 1903 the first aeroplane factory in Britain with £2000 capital.

It was at Leydown, in the Isle of Sheppey, not far from Rochester. Only five years before America's Wright brothers had been the first men to fly, a heavier-than-air machine.

This was the beginning of Short Brothers. Hugh was a director at 18. There were 38 employees.

Here the Shorts designed their first aeroplane for Francis (now



Oswald Short

Sir Francis) McClean, and their second for young Moore-Brabazon (now Lord Brabazon), who made the first circular mile flight in Britain, returning to the place whence he took off.

The Shorts also made six new aircraft for the Wrights, of improved design, at £200 each.

Oswald had left school at 12. His draughtsmanship was self-taught after studying drawings of balloons in the Patent Office in Chancery-lane.

In 1914 the Short brothers gave the world its first practical seaplane. Naval pilots came down to fly it, admiringly, and Oswald set up the Naval Air Service Flying School, forerunner of the Fleet Air Arm.

That same year Shorts moved to Rochester, and established the works which were to give employment to 42,000.

Before he died in 1917 Horace Short had created the first torpedo bomber, conceived by Admiral Sir Murray Suter, and had seen his seaplanes help drive the Germans out of Tanganyika.

Oswald now became the aircraft genius of the firm.

In 1910, he revolutionised aeronautical science by designing the Silver Streak, the first all-metal aeroplane with stressed skin construction, in which the main stresses were taken by the metal skin of the fuselage and wings and not by girders and struts.

This construction is standard with all aircraft manufacturers today.

HIS SEAPLANES THE STRONGEST

Four years later he devised a superior type of hull bottom which made his seaplanes the strongest of all.

Entered in 1931 and Oswald was alone. Financial success did not come to him, despite incredibly hard work, until 1935, when Imperial Airways ordered 29 of his flying boats.

Until 1938, not one member of the Short family had received a dividend on his shareholding and the firm had been in such financial straits that Oswald had to sign over all his personal investments to secure an overdraft from the bank.

When Oswald Short was forced to relinquish the managing directorship, the firm had £5,000,000 capital.

(London Express Service)

Bevan makes it tough for Truman

By **FREDERICK COOK**

NEW YORK. (22500.) to anyone who could tell the Government where to find a lode holding 20 tons of 20 per cent "uranium oxide equivalent" from a new domestic source. No takers. The offer is still open.

Prominently displayed in the American newspapers, and used for all they are worth by foes of the Truman scheme, are stories from Britain indicating that the "free" medical scheme is proving far from free, and is, in fact, costing far more than was expected.

Senator Murray of Montana, long the plan's principal sponsor, has denied that the Bill would be shelved until next year. He said he intended to push for passage this session, but conceded that that might not be possible.

£2500 uranium reward goes begging
FOR a year now, the U.S. Government have been offering a reward of \$10,000

more before the year's output is disposed of.

Washington says its would be cheaper now to pour kerosene over the mountains of potatoes the Government own and burn them.

Tourists to Britain cannot get berths

THIS summer's crush on the Atlantic shipping lines is the worst in history. Thousands of Americans who want to spend their holidays in Britain and on the Continent cannot get berths.

Asked what postwar inventions they wanted most, a group of Americans gave these answers: A self-lighting cigarette; a five-legged chair that will not tip over backwards; and an electronic gadget that would open a car door automatically when you spoke a code word into the microphone.

(London Express Service)

ARTISTS with Wings

By **SYDNEY REDWOOD**

THE other afternoon, in London, four officers and 100 men wearing red berets and parachute wings formed a guard of honour outside Burlington House as H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester arrived for the private view of this year's Academy exhibition.

They were men of the 21st Special Air Service Regiment (Artists) T.A., better known before the war as the "Artists Rifles," and their presence there was to be "married" to Britain's youngest and, most modern arm of warfare, the Special Air Service Regiment. The combination of old traditions and modern methods turn out to have been a most imaginative choice.

When the Artists were first formed in 1859, the link between the Regiment and the Royal Academy was indeed very close. Around the middle of the last century, when relations between England and France were somewhat strained, an appeal went out to the country for volunteers to form themselves into bodies of trained soldiers ready to defend the country in the event of war.

Professional groups all over the country responded to the appeal and a young London artist, student, one Edward Sterling, together with a group of artist friends conceived the idea of forming a regiment of painters, sculptors, actors and musicians. With encouragement from the authorities and much help from the Royal Academy, he laid the foundations of what was to become and remain one of Britain's most famous Territorial units.

Among its members the original unit numbered such famous men as Lord Bury, Thomas Hughes, J.E. Mills, Arthur Lewis, George Caley and Frederick Leighton (who afterwards became Lord Leighton and was for many years Colonel of the Regiment). In the course of time, the range of membership widened, and when the Artists went to France in 1914, they were fully representative of all professions and every walk of life.

BATTLE HONOURS

There followed a distinguished war record and to the Regiment's first battle honours, which it had won in the South African campaign, they added such famous names as Lord Bury, the Hindenburg Line, Flanders and the pursuit to Mons. While these honours were being won abroad, the Regiment's home establishment in the United Kingdom carried on with its vital if unglamorous task of training potential officers for the Expeditionary Force.

After the war, the Artists were reformed and embodied in the newly-created Territorial Army where they continued to function, until the outbreak of the Second World War, as an officer-producing unit.

In 1940, however, as its members had been appointed to commissions wherever their services were required, the Regiment went into suspended animation and at the end of the war, on V day, the Artists as such existed in name only.

For the second time in one generation, the wartime merger with the regular forces had all but extinguished the individuality of this famous volunteer unit.

All but, for, when the Territorial Army was reformed in the summer of 1947, the Artists were once again chosen for a role which they were eminently qualified to discharge. They were to be "married" to Britain's youngest and, most modern arm of warfare, the Special Air Service Regiment.

The combination of old traditions and modern methods turn out to have been a most imaginative choice. The two regiments have a great deal in common: both were created by small groups of determined and enterprising men in answer to a specific challenge and both pride themselves on producing an appeal went out to the country for volunteers to form themselves into bodies of trained soldiers ready to defend the country in the event of war.

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BEHIND ENEMY

Many of the exploits of the Special Air Service Regiment (SAS) during the late war have become legendary, sound like episodes out of the life of the Scarlet Pimpernel. In the desert campaign, the SAS operated behind the enemy lines for weeks on end, destroying aircraft on the ground, attack convoys and proving their immense value in many other ways.

Soon after the Regiment's formation, two specialised wings were formed. One, the Special Boat Service (SBS), wherever the enemy coast or inland waterways proved opportune for a successful raid. The exploits of the SBS range from the Aegean and the Adriatic down to Burma and the Indian Ocean.

The other wing of the SAS, after performing a number of airborne and seaborne raids in various parts of Sicily, Italy, returned to England whence they were dropped, together with their jeeps and light guns, to assist the partisans in France, Belgium and Holland.

In the 21st Special Air Service Regiment, the two branches of this highly mobile force are once more reunited. Every Tuesday evening, in their HQ near Euston Station, officers and men together from every corner of London. Newcomers to the regiment are taught to handle the Regiment's special weapons, drive jeeps over rough country, pack rucksacks in strong ideas, and navigate with the help of map and compass. Old hands also have an opportunity of refreshing their knowledge. Courses in parachuting are held in the summer at a training establishment in the Home Counties, and experienced parachutists do "refresher jumps" out of a balloon in a London park.

SUMMER CAMP

Short exercises are held on most week-ends, and in the summer the entire unit attends camp for ten days. Last year some 1,000 officers and men were trained in camps at Devon, most others taking a canoeing off the Cornish coast, while yet another party scaled cliffs with Commando troops near Plymouth. In the winter, small parties of officers, and men attend mountain warfare and skiing courses with the Regular Army in Austria.

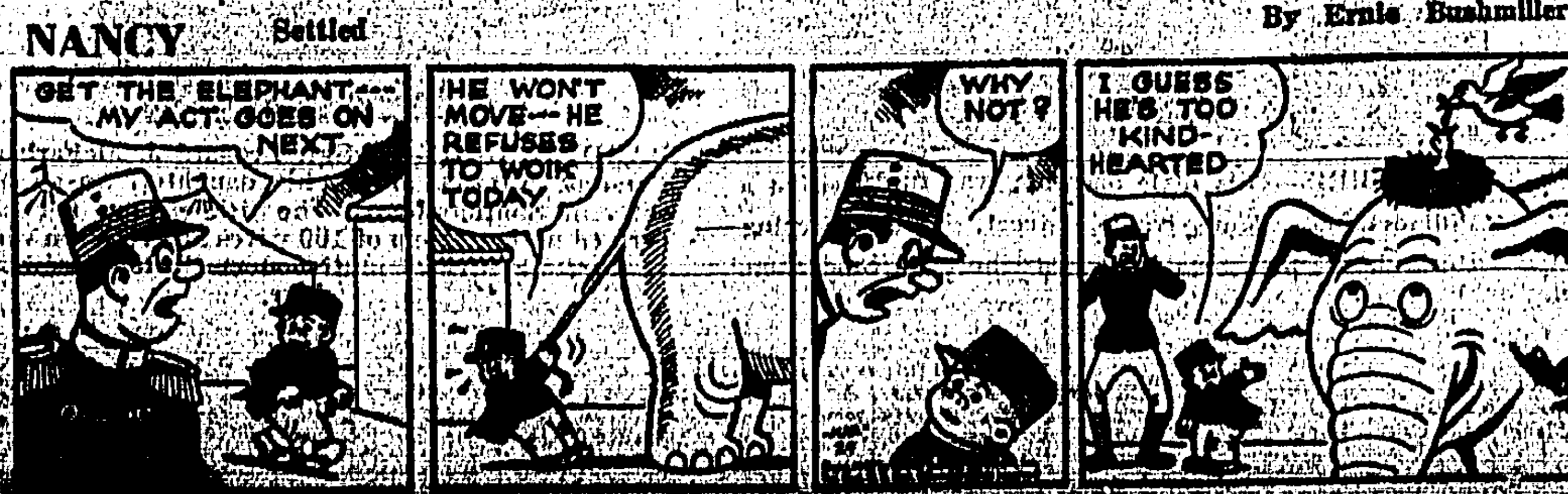
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In the mess, where rank is of no concern, there is much reminiscence of the history of the Artists, as of the SAS, is a story of adaptability to changing requirements. The spirit of the new Regiment is symbolised in the respective badges worn by its members on their berets and their sleeves: the former, the old cap badge of the Artists, showing the profile of Minerva, and the latter, the original cap badge of the SAS, showing a winged dagger with the aggressive motto, "Who Dares Wins."

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High Cost Of Ship Repairing In HK

COMPLAINT AT SHIPPING COMPANY'S MEETING

"The most important item continues to be ship repairs, and it is unfortunate that Hongkong should continue to be so expensive. It would be a pity if we had to divert work which would normally take place here to other areas simply on the grounds of high local prices," declared the Hon. D. F. Landale, Chairman of the Board of Directors, at the annual meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. this morning.

He also reported that having all the factors under consideration the trading results could be regarded as satisfactory.

The Chairman, addressing the meeting, said:

The year 1948 was characterised by much the same conditions as 1947. In the Far East the troubles in Malaya, Indo-China and the civil war in China, also the situation in Indonesia, have all had a most unsettling effect on business generally.

To conduct our affairs satisfactorily a reasonable degree of security is essential and, in spite of troubles which have arisen from time to time in this area, security has always been afforded by our base port of Hongkong.

It is therefore re-assuring to know that His Majesty's Government which they intend to ensure that this position will be maintained. I think that we can regard this as really good news which will enable us to face the future with confidence and will, I hope, lead to a continuance and resumption of our long-honoured commercial relationships especially with our great neighbour.

REALISTIC POLICY

This Company with its interest in the important cross trade between India, the Straits, China and Japan and in services radiating from Hongkong has continued to pursue what I hope is a policy of realism and has re-evaluated the technique of its operations to meet the changing conditions. I think that our results over the past three years are sufficient proof that our policy so far has been correct.

In my last speech I referred to the state of the fleet which is a very satisfactory condition and, as you will see from the Balance Sheet, it is at a conservative valuation. This is a most important factor under the present uncertain conditions.

There have been no additions to the fleet during the year under review, but the new ship we have on order in the Clyde is now in course of construction and should be in service in the middle of 1950.

Since the loss of 1948 we have purchased a similar ship already in the course of construction which we hope will be operating in Far Eastern waters towards the end of the current year, and a third vessel for our Hongkong-Singapore line is under construction. This will increase the gross tonnage of the fleet to approximately 61,578 tons with a consequent increase in earning capacity. The cost under the present inflated conditions will, of course, be considerable, but the healthy condition of the accounts now presented, also the reserve funds and the conservative valuation of the existing fleet in particular will enable us to shoulder this very essential financial burden and so, I hope, safeguard the Company's position and revenue for the future.

OPERATING COSTS

There is as yet no sign of any marked reduction in operating costs. Indeed, these still show a tendency to increase. There has, however, been some reduction in the cost of oil fuel, but this is offset by increases in other expenditure. The most important item continues to be ship repairs, and it is unfortunate that Hongkong should continue to be so expensive. It would be a pity if we had to divert work which would normally take place here to other areas simply on the grounds of high local prices.

Having regard to all the factors under consideration the trading results can be regarded as satisfactory. The balance sheet shows a working account is lower than last year at £238,121, which is due to a reduction in freight rates on some lines and to Governmental restrictions imposed upon the free movement of certain basic commodities. The net profit available for appropriation, however, is much improved, at £190,398, as it has not been necessary to make provision for so many items such as special repairs as was the case in the 1947 accounts.

£10,000 GRANT

Of this balance available for appropriation, your Directors again recommend a grant of £10,000 to the recently instituted Floating Staff Provident Fund, a transfer of £5,000 for Depreciation on Investments of £10,000, transfer of £5,000 to Ship Replacement Reserve of £70,000, dividends of 5% on the Cumulative Preferred Ordinary Shares, 10% on the Deferred Ordinary Shares and a bonus of 10% on the Deferred Ordinary Shares, making a total of £24,440, recommending this distribution which is unchanged from last year, your Directors recommend that the

account of the Company's commitments and also the national policy in regard to Dividend payments. After all these appropriations there is a balance left to be carried forward of £17,423.

Turning to the Balance Sheet I would draw your attention to the fact that this document and the accounts to which I have just referred have been prepared in accordance with the new United Kingdom Companies Act of 1948. The value of the fleet is lower at £577,858 but there is an increase in the value of shore properties due to the additions made in the course of the year. On the Liabilities side there is a reduction in Ships Replacement Account due to the fact that certain units to bring the fleet as a whole on to a more satisfactory basis. This is, of course, reflected in the satisfactory Book Value of the fleet to which I have previously referred.

Staff Pension and Provident Fund has increased to £30,221. Sundry Creditors stand at £804,840 and include sums due in respect of repairs and owing to the Ministry of Transport in respect of ship repairs in the period following the war. It is anticipated that all these outstanding will be settled in the course of the current year. Provision for taxation amounts to £37,046. Special Repairs Reserve, which was created to deal with the exceptional repair requirements following the war has now been merged into a provision for Deferred and Ships' Survey Repairs which stands at £111,017.

Investments are shown at cost less reserve and are actually worth approximately £1,500 in excess of this value. Your Directors considered it prudent to increase the reserve of £25,000 by appropriating a further £10,000.

Sundry Debtors and Debt Balances show a reduction of nearly £120,000 due to Agents' general reduction in outstanding freights. The new figure, as you will observe, is £434,420. Cash and Bank Balances on the other hand show an increase of £93,387 and stand at £102,601. The reason for this increase is that we have to hold more liquid funds in view of the building programme which is at present in progress.

When a Company such as this is lucky enough to possess a loyal and efficient staff it is difficult for the Chairman to devise some new form of compliment every year. They usually object to being singled out as individuals but I can only tell you that I and my colleagues on the Board and I feel that all of you are very much to be commended.

CAPT. BATEMAN

In one case, however, I must make specific reference, and that is to Captain R. W. Bateman who joined the Company in 1910 and has been the Marine Superintendent for many years. He retired on April 30, and as he will be remaining in Hongkong, your Directors have invited him to join the Board so that his great knowledge and wise counsel in regard to the technical side of the Company's affairs will still be available to us.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher said: "It is a matter for congratulation that in spite of many difficulties and adverse conditions encountered during the year the profit earned is eminently satisfactory and a perusal of the Balance Sheet shows our Company to be in a very strong financial position."

We are fast approaching a major readjustment in the political affairs of China and though perhaps it is a little premature to make any dogmatic prophesies about how far the movement will go, there are undoubtedly certain features where the peoples' government have recently been established that encourage the belief in a revival of trade with our great neighbour in the not too distant future.

I should like to express the thanks of shareholders for the loyalty and devotion without which this should not have had such excellent results.

RE-ELECTIONS

The appointment of Mr. J. D. Alexander to the Board of Directors was proposed by Mr. H. Young and seconded by Mr. D. S. Robb, and confirmed. The Hon. Sir M. Man-kam Lo was elected as a Director of

NAMED FOR PRESIDENCY

Dr Jose P. Laurel

Manila, May 22.—The Nacionalista (Opposition) Party Convention in the evening selected Dr Jose P. Laurel, President of Japanese-occupied Philippines during the war and associate Justice Manuel C. Briones as the Party's candidates for President and Vice-President respectively to the November national elections.

Dr Laurel's closest opponent in the Convention race was Dr Camilo Osias, Senator from La Union and who was Minister of Public Instruction in Dr Laurel's Japanese-sponsored Cabinet.

More than 600 delegates attended the Convention at the San Lazaro Racing Club.

One more political convention will be held early in June, this time by the pro-Quirino of the split Liberal (majority) Party. This is expected to endorse President Quirino as presidential candidate of the group in the forthcoming elections.

The pro-Jose Avelino group of the Party held their convention last week and selected Avelino as their candidate for the highest post within the gift of the Filipino people.

This means that the November elections will be a three-cornered presidential fight instead of the hitherto traditional two-cornered affair.

More presidential aspirants are expected to enter the list, in which case it will be an all-round political melee.—Reuter.

EX-MINISTERS PARDONED

Helsinki, May 22.—Finland's wartime Premier, Mr. Valio Tanner, and the wartime Finance Minister, Mr. Edwin Linkomies, imprisoned in 1945 for having led the country into war, were pardoned today by Mr. Juho Paasilkivi, President of Finland.

Mr. Tanner and Mr. Linkomies, had already been released on parole last year after serving half of their five and a half years' sentences. The President also pardoned Mr. E. Kivimäki, former Minister in Berlin.

The pardons mean that the three men will now be able to resume their professions.—Reuter.

THRIFT BRINGS ITS REWARD

Yarmouth, May 22.—Mrs Beatrice Hamman, a 61-year-old widow, has saved two shillings a week over the past 23 years to pay for her passage to New Zealand to see her son, Mrs Hamman, who is a cinema dealer, has now saved £100, and hopes to sail for New Zealand early next month to stay there for about a year.

Her son, William, migrated when he was 17 years old. Mrs Hamman said today: "Now I shall be able to meet my son and his family at Christchurch."—Reuter.

The Company, on the proposition of Mr. A. Hilly, seconded by Mr. A. Percy.

The remuneration of the Auditors, Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. D. S. Robb, was fixed at \$18,000 for the ensuing year on the proposition of Mr. F. J. Hornum-Fisher, seconded by Mr. S. H. Ash.

Present at the Meeting were: the Hon. D. F. Landale, (Chairman), the Hon. Sir M. Man-kam Lo, Messrs. S. T. Williamson, J. D. Alexander and Capt. R. W. Bateman, (Director), A. Reid, (Manager), L. F. Aucott, (Secretary) and the following shareholders: N. V. A. Croucher, D. S. Robb, W. A. Stewart, R. Gordon, E. J. Young, A. Hillier, E. L. MacDougall, M. D. Goulder (Jardine's), H. A. B. Browning (H.K. and Shanghai Bank), S. H. Ash (H.K. and Shanghai Bank), F. J. Hornum-Fisher and Chen Wing.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Daddy said he used to be a social lion when he was younger, mother—who tamed him?"

Armed Robbery In Kowloon Recalled

FOUR MEN CHARGED AT SESSIONS

An armed robbery at the Diamond Hill Store, Kowloon City, on evening of March 24, during which the shop-keeper and his wife were slightly wounded by bullets allegedly fired by one of the gang of about 10 persons involved, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when four men appeared for trial before Mr Justice Williams (Puisse Judge).

The accused were Law Chai, alias Law Keuk-chai, 30, clog-maker, Wong Yuk-fai, 41, Ho Kwai-chung, 22, and Chung Yee, 33, all unemployed.

With the exception of Ho Kwai-chung, they were jointly charged with committing the robbery and stealing a number of tin of cigarettes of various brands and \$100 from Sin Kiang, the proprietor of the store, and two gold rings from Fong Chuen, his wife.

He was charged on two counts of wounding Sin and Fong with intent to do them grievous bodily harm, while an additional charge against Wong Yuk-fai alleged he had received several of the tins of stolen cigarettes and a sum of \$45.15, the property of Sin Kiang.

At the outset of the proceedings, Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, withdrew other counts on which the accused had originally been indicted.

The Jury empanelled comprised four men and three women.

Mr Hooton said that about 9.30 pm on March 24, the proprietor of the Diamond Hill Store and his brother were closing shop for the day when two men were seen to enter. Thinking they were late customers, they permitted their entry, but no sooner had they got in than the men pushed the proprietor and his brother into the kitchen at the back of the store, where they were held up at the point of a revolver by one of the men.

In the meantime other men entered the store and seized a number of tins of cigarettes. They also opened a drawer in the shop counter and took away money amounting to about \$100. The whole gang then withdrew.

THREE SHOTS

Sin Kiang and his brother, who had been left to their own devices in the kitchen, tried to break out and see what was happening. In the course of doing this, they heard three shots being fired and one bullet went through Sin's upper left arm, causing a wound which later necessitated his detention in hospital for four days.

Just before this, Fong Chuen, Sin's wife, who was in her bedroom near the kitchen, heard the men moving about in the store, and rushed out to see what was happening. She was seized by the gang and had her gold rings taken from her. When the shots were fired, one bullet went through her left hand.

The Police were informed, and at about 4.30 a.m. the following morning Wong Yuk-fai was discovered in a car near the store. Under his seat were found several tins of cigarettes which had been stolen the night before. A sum of money was also found in his pocket.

The next person arrested was Law Chai, who was found in No. 242 Castle Peak Road. A tin containing some of the cigarettes said to have been stolen was found in his possession.

Statement On H.K. Defences

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Some of these aircraft, he said, are suitable for their reconnaissance role for support of the police and ground forces operating in conditions of internal disturbance. They would be used for this if the necessity arose.

The spokesman was asked whether or not it was true, as had been said, that there were 300,000 Communists in the colony and whether some schools are controlled by Communist influences. He replied officially: "It is known that there are considerable numbers of people here, as elsewhere, who are to a greater or lesser extent, in sympathy with Communist doctrines. Their number is not known. Some schools are known to be under Communist influence. This Government takes all possible steps to prevent the indoctrination of students here with this, or any other, political dogma."

The spokesman said that public reaction so far has been disappointing to the appeal for volunteers for the Hongkong Defence Force. The number of registrations so far received fell a long way short of the total contemplated strength of the Force.

It is believed that the difficulty of raising a volunteer force was of the same nature as the difficulty of filling the establishment of the Territorial Army in the United Kingdom.

The Government was constantly considering ways and means of overcoming this difficulty since the Hongkong volunteer organisation forms an integral part of the Colony's security arrangements.

VOLUNTEERS' BENEFITS

Asked what arrangements were being made for compensation to Volunteers and their families in the event of injury or death, and for the protection of Volunteers' families when the Force was mobilised, a spokesman said: "Compensation is, or will be, covered by the Force Pay Code, the Force Regulations and Unit Regulations."

In general, the benefits for which Volunteers will be eligible are to be the same as those for which British soldiers are eligible. The question of the protection of Volunteers' dependants is now engaging the Government's attention, but had not so far been taken further than the planning stage.

The spokesman added: "The Government intends, and indeed, is committed, to do whatever is possible in this respect. He said that units of the Volunteer Force will become operational in phases and not altogether."

It is impossible to estimate the time when any particular unit will be fully trained. The total strength of the operational troops in the Colony, after the recently-announced reinforcements arrive, would be more than twice the present garrison.—Reuter.

WEST BERLIN POLICE

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A Western sector police official said that normally they were not expected to enter railway installations, which come within the jurisdiction of the railway police. But they had been ordered to occupy the station because the latest clashes and firing constituted a threat to public safety.

Colonel J. D. Stewart, head of the British Military Government's Public Safety Division in Berlin, who had watched West sector police occupy the Charlottenburg Station, afterwards spoke to Soviet officers who were present.

He was reported to have told them he was unable to tolerate the conditions which strikers and railway police had created in and around the Station.—Reuter.

Shelling Casualty Flown Home

Southampton, May 22.—Lieutenant Henry R. M. Mirehouse, the first casualty from the shelling of the British ship, Amethyst to be brought home, reached here from Hongkong on a British Overseas Airways flying boat today for an urgent operation.

The 24-year-old lieutenant has a compound skull fracture and a foreign body, believed to be a shell splinter, is lodged in his brain.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

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COLONY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

SOUTH CHINA SPRINTER BURNS UP THE TRACK WITH RECORD TIMES

By "RECORDER"

South China's crack sprinter, Ng Yin-fok, loomed up as an Empire Games prospect when he registered the remarkable time of 23 seconds flat for the 200 Metres Dash at the Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday as the Open Meet sponsored by the SCAA—equivalent to the Colony Championships—would up with a curious mixture of excellent and mediocre performances.

Ng, who only took up running last year, turned in a performance on a rock-hard track with a bad turn that would have been equivalent to 22 seconds under ideal conditions. He had earlier won the 400 Metres final in 52.4 seconds, best time returned in Hongkong for the distance in two decades.

It is of interest to note that outstanding Filipino Olympic sprinters with better times to their credit at home were only slightly faster than Ng when they ran on the same track—when it was in a better condition—here in 1936.

Yet another Empire Games prospect was turned up in a 17-year-old South China Athletic Association girl, Mui Shun-ngan, who set a Chinese National record in the Long Jump with an effort of 16 feet 10½ inches and had four other jumps over 16½ feet.

Her winning attempt would have been good enough to reach the semi-finals in the last Olympic Games.

Ng Yin-fok, who is 24, was a basketball player with no experience of running when he was persuaded to try out for South China's team in the Quadrangular Athletic meet last year.

He proved good enough then to win both the 200 and 400 metres in relatively unspectacular times. He won the 400 Metres in 57 seconds and this encouraged him to concentrate on that event.

He reached 54 seconds flat in a practice run later in the season and in October last went into serious training, being consistent at 54 seconds flat in practice and touching 53.8 seconds in the Triangular Meet this year. He is an old boy of Pul Ching Middle School.

In yesterday's final, he dragged an indifferent field behind him

to fast times. St Joseph's D. College surprise second, was caught in 54.4 seconds, a remarkable performance for a 17-year-old, while another teenager, King George V School's W.D. Eggleston, was caught in 54.6 seconds. Eggleston had held on to second place almost to the tape.

Ng's winning effort in the 200 Metres Dash caught Peter McLaue of King George V School in 23.7 seconds behind him.

RACE THRILLS

There were two thrilling finals with the issue decided almost on the tape. In the first of this, Army's Gunner Kirsawel won in what was almost a photo-finish from South China's Olympic star, Wong Ching-lam and another South China runner, Lai Chow-kit, to annex the 800

In the other, Wong Ching-lam, running at his best distance, was held almost stride to stride by a barefooted Chungshan runner, Tsui Wai, winning by 10 yards only by a final burst of speed over the last lap that was not completed at a half-mile pace.

Army's Private French held on for 10 laps with the lead constantly changing hands, but faded in the last lap and a half to come in third some 30 yards behind. The winning time—17 minutes 22 seconds—was surprisingly poor for what had seemed a very fast pace.

RELAY SURPRISE

The King George V School team surprised in the Sprint Relay by coming close enough to nosing out South China and would, with more experience, have done it.

Benkinsop and Turner, who ran the first two legs, held the lead easily and it all depended on Eggleston and McLaue running the last two legs against Tsui Wai, the 100 Metres Champion, and Ng Yin-fok.

Eggleston and McLaue, both slow off the mark, gave headway on this but made a terrific effort around the corner. The blistering anchor leg by Ng Yin-fok looked like 11 seconds flat and cooked up McLaue, a game runner but incapable of a pace like that.

(Kowloon City). 4. Tsui Tin-kwai (unattached).

LONG JUMP

Sgt. Jacques (Army) 21 feet ½ inches; 2. Pau King-yin (SCAA) 21½; 3. Lam Kai-chi (Chungshan) 19½; 4. WOI Hunt 19½.

HOP, STEP & JUMP

1. Lam Kai-chi (Chungshan) 41 feet 2½ inches; 2. Ng Ching-ping (Chungshan) 41½; 3. A. K. Ismail (St. Joseph's) 40½; 4. Reggie Silva (St. Joseph's) 40½.

DISCUS THROW

1. To King-kau (SCAA) 105 feet 4 inches; 2. Wong Ching-lam (Chungshan) 95½; 3. Ho Yau-yuen (St. Joseph's) 93½; 4. Harold Ong (St. Joseph's) 68½.

COUNTY CRICKET

New Captains

Bring In A

New Spirit

London, May 22.—New captains have led several counties to early success in this season's County Championship Cricket, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire and Surrey, all under new leadership, each won their first match in the programme.

Northants, who finished last in the table last season, have been a transformed side so far in the present campaign.

Besides importations of playing strength, they have been helped greatly by their new skipper, Freddie Brown, a very seasoned campaigner who previously played for Surrey and is a former England player.

His inspired leadership and ability with both bat and ball have had much to do with the county's improved performances.

Derbyshire, led by 28-year-old A. D. Skinner, have high hopes of being in the running to wrest the title from last year's surprise winners, Glamorgan.

"Skinner, a good batsman and bowler, has a high reputation as a fieldman—of department in which a captain's excellence can do much to urge his team to greater efforts.

M. R. Barton, the Surrey captain and former Oxford Blue, can have few qualms about his position of responsibility, for he was a member of the side last year, when Surrey emerged as runners-up.

Another new captain is D. G. Clark, successor in Kent cricket to Brian Valentine. He received his baptism of county warfare at Gillingham against Northamptonshire and was on the losing side in that game, but is confidently expected to lead his side to many victories during the season.—Reuter.

IRC Tennis Teams

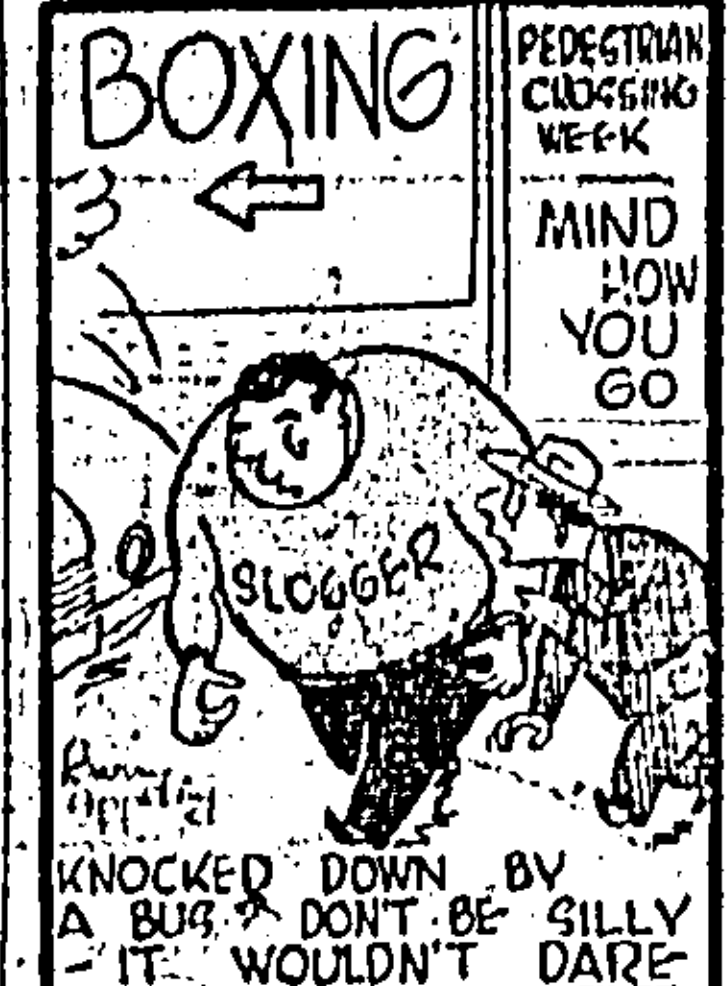
The following players have been selected to represent the Indian Recreation Club in the "A" and "B" Divisions of the IRC Lawn Tennis League.

"A" Team at home v. Club de Reccolo on Tuesday.

Osmar Rumljan & H. Rumljan; A. R. Kitchell & I. M. Omar; K. M. Rumljan & I. M. Kitchell.

"B" Team away v. USC on Wednesday.

S. E. M. Bux & Wall Mohamed; A. H. Hussain & B. M. Omar; S. M. Rumljan & F. A. Current.



SOCCER INTERNATIONAL

England Beats France

Paris, May 22.—England wound up their strenuous five-match Continental tour with a 3-1 victory over France at the Colombes Stadium here today after a hectic battle fought out at a tremendous pace from start to finish.

There was little between the teams and the French did not deserve the boing that they got as the final whistle sounded. True, the forwards failed in front of the goal, but that was the only way in which they were at least inferior to their English rivals.

Johnny Morris, the Derby County inside right, who played brilliantly, got two of the England goals and Billy Wright, captain of the side, scored the other.

There was a dramatic opening to the game, watched by over 60,000 spectators, the French getting a "gift" goal through their left wing, Freddie Morell, after only 35 seconds play.

England, however, were leading by two goals to one at the interval.—Reuter.

BELGIUM BEATS WALES

Liege, May 22.—Belgium beat Wales by three goals to one in the International Soccer match here this afternoon.

At half-time Belgium was leading by 2-0.—Reuter.

EIRE BEATS PORTUGAL

Dublin, May 22.—Eire beat Portugal 1-0 in their soccer international here today.

Eire's goal was scored in the first half.—Reuter.

BASKETBALL TOURNEY WON BY EGYPTIANS

Cairo, May 22.—Egypt by winning all their six matches gained the European basketball championships, which ended here tonight.

France were second with five victories and Greece third with four wins.—Reuter.

FRENCH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ampon Loses To Patty In Quarter-Final

Paris, May 22.—Felicissimo Ampon, the Philippine's plucky, pucky little tennis star, was eliminated today from the French Lawn Tennis Championship by Budge Patty (United States) in what observers called the best match in the tournament so far. The score was 7-5, 6-3, 6-1. Patty, thereby moved into the quarter-finals.

Ampon and Patty played a varied game of short angled shots and deep drives from the baseline. Patty's consistent overhead smash wore the Philippine down and by the third set, Ampon showed obvious fatigue.

In the third set Ampon again showed obvious fatigue and Patty took the next two games easily for the set and match.—United Press.

JOAN CURRY UPSETS WIMBLEDON CHAMPION

Paris, May 22.—Miss Louis Brough, the hard-hitting star of the American girls, was upset in the French Tennis Championship here today, losing to Britain's Miss Joan Curry, an indefatigable retriever and baseline player.

Miss Curry won by 4-6, 7-5, 6-2, to reach the quarter-finals of the women's singles. Miss Brough appeared rather less fit than usual, and took more than the allowed rest after the second set. The umpire wanted to award the match to Miss Curry, but the English girl insisted on the game continuing.—Reuter.

After losing close in the first set and trailing 3-5 in the second, Miss Curry, who is from Torquay, Devonshire staged an impressive comeback to level up at seven all and took the set eventually.

Joan played a strategic game, alternating deep drives to the corners with unexpected dropshots which had the Americans guessing as to her intentions.

United Press.

OTHER RESULTS

Miss Margaret Osborne Dupont had an easy win over Italy's 6-5, 6-4, 6-0. Reuter.

INTER-HONG. SOFTBALL

Gibb's Captures The San Miguel Shield

By "STARDUST"

In an electrifying climax to a tension-packed tussle, the youthful T gainr from Gibb Livingstone yesterday annexed the coveted San Miguel Hong Shield by virtue of a narrow 7-6 triumph over the Stanvac squad in the play-off tilt for the Hong title.

Gibb's clinched the affair in an eventful fourth canto when big and burly Ed Thatcher on the firing line for Socony was as wild as a March hare and issued three walks and uncorked a wild toss to tumble Stanvac to their downfall. Stanvac were ahead by a close 4-3 count when Thatcher developed his wild streak.

The Flying Horsemen stormed back into the ball game in a high and dry. Thatcher bore down in great fettle to throttle Gibb's clean-up trio.

Socony broke into the run column again in the second canto. After Luigi Gosano had lifted a pop fly to second base, McLaughlin advanced to third on a wild peg to the keystone by catcher Frankie Correa. Mark ambled across the pan on a passed ball to put Stanvac in the lead 2-1.

Olivera drew a base on balls and was left stranded as Roy Silva-Netto hoisted to short stop Leung and Thatcher grounded back to the mound.

Marques scored when ball-hawk Bux muffed Joe White's drive to make the score 7-5. White notched another Stanvac tally on a clutch single by Gussio Pereira to make the score 7-6. Pereira was now on second with the tying run. Gussio was disappointed as Luigi Gosano skied to the out field for the final out, giving Gibb's the pennant.

Al Malig, aided by brainy catching by mentor-plus-catcher Frankie Correa, was tight in the clutch. He yielded eight base hits but received good support from his fielders. Malig whiffed two and issued a lone walk to first.

Ed Marques paced the Socony attack with a 3-in-4 return. Ed Thatcher was parsimonious with his bingles. He gave up three scattered hits to Gibb's, issued six walks, and struck out four. However, his erratic streak in the fourth cost him the ball game.

Stanvac and Gibb's committed the same number of miscues—five apiece. There were five Stanvac runners left on base while Gibb's had none. Gibb's earned five runs off Thatcher while Malig gave up three earned runs.

At the conclusion of the tussle, Mr. F. Leysan, representative of the San Miguel Brewery, Mayor of the City, presented the trophy to the winning team.

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Read Classical Poetry Before Death Leap

MR FORRESTAL'S TRAGIC END

Washington, May 22.—It was learned today that Mr James Forrestal, who was at Bethesda Naval Hospital for treatment for a psychoneurotic condition, left his de luxe bedroom while his medical attendant was briefly absent, walked across the deserted hospital hallway into the diet kitchen with its unguarded window and jumped.

In his bedroom was a volume of Greek poetry opened at a translation the last line of which read: "The dead thou wilt not away for all thy weeping." On the opposite page was a translation of Sophocles' "Chorus from Ajax," which included this line, "When Reason's day sets, rayless, joyless, quenched in cold decay, better to die and sleep the never-waking sleep than linger and dare to live when the soul's life is gone."

Mr Forrestal had been placed under close guard when he entered the hospital on April 2. He had been rushed there from Florida, where he had reportedly tried to kill himself. However, the hospital authorities said the guard was relaxed due to Mr Forrestal's apparent rapid improvement during the past three weeks.

Admiral Stone said Mr Forrestal was restless early Saturday evening, but quieted down later and began reading. He said that shortly after 1:30 a.m. the special medical corpsman assigned to Mr Forrestal went to the floor nurse's desk around the corner of the hall "to get some medication or to make an entry in the record." He was gone only "about five minutes" but in that time his noted charge had disappeared.

Lilienthal Is Under Fire

Alleged "Incredible Mismanagement"

Washington, May 22.—Senator Bourke Hickenlooper, ranking Republican member of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, today called on President Truman to fire Mr David Lilienthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, charging "incredible mismanagement" of the Commission and "highly publicised fiascos" on the part of Mr Lilienthal himself.

Senator Hickenlooper referred to the recently disclosed disappearance of 32 grammes of Uranium 235 from the Commission's Chicago laboratories and to the Commission's troubles with the Communists in its scientific fellowship programme.

He said that in addition, the atomic programme was "suffering from misplaced emphasis and waste." He said he and "other colleagues" had learned there were "numerous persons employed on our atomic projects who have strong Communist leanings."

COURAGE REQUIRED

"There are a number of important problems, the solution of which requires administration, through the chairman, which is competent, realistic and courageous."

As for the missing U-235, he continued, "If two-thirds of a pound of a uranium compound can disappear without either the FBI or the Joint Committee being notified for six weeks, how can Congress have any confidence in Mr Lilienthal's management?"

A container of nine to 10 ounces of uranium oxide enriched with 32 grammes of U-235 was "discovered" missing from a laboratory last February. Commission officials said the FBI report indicated "no espionage involved" and all but one-seventh ounce of U-235 had been recovered after "waste" and machine residue.—United Press.

other "experts" would sit in at the board. He added that he also wanted a psychiatrist other than Mr Forrestal's own physician, Dr George Raines.

Admiral Willcocks said the appointment of such a board was customary in all cases of violent death, but he was "absolutely certain" Mr Forrestal's death "could be nothing else but suicide." He added, "That type of suicide is impossible to prevent. You cannot take a man of his brilliance and put guard over him all the time."

Access to outside windows from Mr Forrestal's large bedroom was barred by heavy locked screens. The kitchen across the hall, however, where Mr Forrestal had been permitted to go within the past several days for coffee, had a four-foot-wide window with only an ordinary screen, fastened by two hooks, one of which was broken. The screen swung outward on hinges at the top and apparently Mr Forrestal had loosened the hook and stepped out to his death.

Mr Forrestal was kept under sedatives when he first came to the hospital, but lately had been given only a sleeping tablet at night. Last night he did not even take that.

A high defence source told reporters privately about a week ago that though Mr Forrestal had been improving, he had suffered a setback and "became quite upset". There was no official comment on this report.—United Press.

MR TRUMAN SHOCKED

Washington, May 22.—President Truman said today that he was "inexpressibly shocked and grieved" to hear of the death of Mr James Forrestal, former Secretary of Defence.

A White House statement said, "This able and devoted public servant was as truly a casualty of the war as if he had died on the firing line."

The Defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, ordered all flags on military establishments flown at half-staff out of respect for Mr Forrestal. Mr Johnson also ordered a military plane to be ready to bring Mrs Forrestal and her elder son, Michael, back from Paris as soon as she was ready to depart.—United Press.

James Forrestal



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POCKET CARTOON



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De Gaulle On Europe's Only Hope

FRANCE MUST BE RE-BORN

Paris, May 22.—General Charles de Gaulle, speaking on the eve of the Foreign Ministers' meeting, said today that the only hope for Europe was an understanding between France and Germany.

Only a strong and regenerated France could provide the necessary balance against the new Germany and thus make an understanding possible, the general said.

Addressing a political meeting here, he declared: "There must be no illusions. The Bonn solution means the reconstitution of the Reich (a centralized Germany). The Reich may go with the East or the West."

NEW SOLUTION

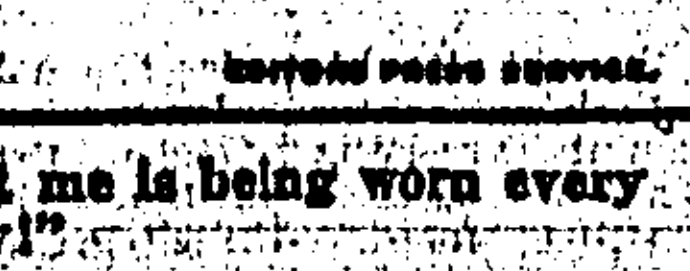
General de Gaulle continued: "The nature of the Reich is never to accept the status quo, hence the only way lies in a new solution of the problem—the chance that one day, perhaps, there will be a genuine understanding between the French and German peoples."

"But we must understand that this involves conditions. The chief of these is that France is re-born and becomes strong by her own effort and with her Empire, particularly in Africa."

"France must count as heavily in the balance as Germany, especially economically, if an understanding between the two countries is to become possible."

"This means that we must have a firm and clear policy and must, therefore, first of all, change our political regime."

General de Gaulle said the Atlantic Pact was of "immense value and significance" but it would be a mistake for France to ratify it until "certain necessary consequences" of the Pact had been realised.—Reuter.



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Bogota's New Cabinet

CONSERVATIVE MILITARISTS

Bogota, Colombia, May 22.—A new Conservative military Cabinet took over the Government today after the six Liberals included in the Coalition Ministry, which was reformed on May 9, had resigned.

The resignations brought to an end the Government of National Union which had been in office since April, 1948, after the revolution which broke out while the Pan-American Conference was meeting in Bogota.

Members of the Liberal Opposition Party had played a leading role in the attempt to overthrow the Conservative Government after the killing of Getulio, but peace was restored by the formation of the Coalition.

"GRAVE SITUATION"

Liberal leaders today called on their followers to remain calm. They issued a manifesto informing the country of the "grave political situation" arising from the breakup of the Government of National Union.

The new Cabinet, which was appointed by President Mariano Ospina Perez, includes civilians as well as soldiers. It brings back Dr Eduardo Zuleta Angel, who, on May 9, went to the War Ministry, to his former post as Foreign Minister.

The new Cabinet is: Prime Minister—Colonel Rugulio Gaitan, former chief of Police (new); Foreign Affairs—Dr Angel (former War Minister); Justice—General Miguel San Juan (new); War—General Rafael Sanchez (new); Mines and Petroleum—Dr Jose de Herra (new); Public Health—Professor Jorge Caveller (new); Agriculture and Stock Breeding—Dr Santiago Trujillo (new); Education—Senator Eliseo Brango (new); Public Works—Senator Victor Arthila Briceño (unchanged); Commerce and Industry—Senator Jorge Leiva (unchanged); Labour—Dr Evaristo Goudis (unchanged); Posts and Telegraphs—Senator Jose Vicente Davila Telo (unchanged).—Reuter.

Withdrawal Completed

Amman, May 22.—Arab Legion troops today completed their withdrawal 2 m the edges of the former Arab-held triangle in Central Palestine where Israeli forces, coming from the north and south, joined up at the school house at Ara, Central Palestine.

This opened to the Israelis the strategic road leading from the coast to Afula. Then the handing-over operation, which lasted 17 days, passed without incident, but in the north, numbers of Arab refugees crossed into Israel.

The Israeli commander said that over 10,000 "villagers" were not on the population lists, and Arab headmen admitted that there were 700 "foreigners" in Ara alone. Under the terms of the armistice, these can be sent to Trans-Jordan.

The only remaining territorial adjustment under the agreement is the area southwest of Jerusalem, where Israeli forces are to hand over to the Arabs.—Reuter.

Supporters For Eisler

Wants U.S. Troops To Remain In Korea

Filipino Delegates Arguments

Seoul, May 22.—Dr Rufino Luna, Philippine delegate to the United Nations Commission on Korea, said today his delegation strongly opposes the expected withdrawal of the 8,000 American troops from South Korea.

Dr Luna, speaking for the Philippine delegation but not for the UN commission, said "The United States luckily does not know what it means to be seized by a foreign power. But Korea does know or we in the Philippines also know."

"I am opposed to withdrawal because the United Nations General Assembly resolution on Korea clearly indicates that Russian and American troops should be withdrawn at the same time. And as a member of the UN Commission on Korea I have been denied an opportunity of entering North Korea to see whether Russian troops in fact have been withdrawn."

NOT SAFE FROM ATTACK

"Under these circumstances, I cannot agree that the Republic of Korea would be safe from attack if the remaining American troops are taken away," Dr Luna added.

This statement by Dr Luna, which was made at a dinner given by the Korean Foreign Minister, Mr Ben C. Limb, came as no surprise to diplomatic quarters here. It is generally believed here that the Philippine and Korean governments are working closely for a proposed Pacific pact similar to the North Atlantic alliance pact.

It is believed by informed observers that both countries desire American backing similar to the United States commitments in the Atlantic area. Last March, Philippine President Elpidio Quirino called for such a pact in the Far East, at which time the Korean President, Dr Syngman Rhee, said he would put his "wholehearted support" behind such a move.

CONTACT ATTEMPTED

Dr Luna's statement came on the heels of an announcement by the United Nations Commission on Korea that it recently attempted to establish contact with the Soviet-sponsored North Korean regime for the purpose of carrying out on the spot investigation north of the thirty-eighth parallel.

The commission does not know whether the letter, sent to North Korea via ship from Hongkong, has reached North Korea since, and it has not yet received a reply.

Dr Luna concluded his statement by saying: "In Korea the United Nations has undertaken a hard task. So far we have failed. We have failed completely to extend representative democracy to the North. But until we do I feel most strongly that American troops should not be withdrawn."—United Press.

To Report Back

Haifa, May 22.—General William Riley, the United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine, left here for New York today to report on the suspension of the Israeli-Syrian armistice talks. General Riley said that he hoped to return in a week's time with suggestions which would permit the talks to be resumed.—Reuter.

Mountbatten Bill Opposition

London, May 22.—Some opposition is expected in the House of Commons to the Parliamentary bill which seeks to give Countess Mountbatten, wife of India's last Viceroy, greater personal control of her estate.

The bill will probably reach the House within the next fortnight. It is now before what is known as an "Unopposed Committee" of the House of Lords and would, if passed, enable Lady Mountbatten to use as income the capital of the £1,400,000 bequeathed to her by her grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel, which at present she may not use.

Lady Mountbatten had indicated that increased taxation has cut her and her husband's combined income to a "ninth" of what it was before.

The possibility of some Socialist opposition in the Commons has already been indicated. It is learned that a group of Conservative members are also contemplating an amendment.

These Conservatives feel that it is a bill of this kind is passed it should embrace all people affected by conditions such as have prompted the introduction of the Mountbatten Bill.—Reuter.

First Death Sentence

Haifa, May 22.—The first death sentence in Israel was given by a district court here on Sunday, against two Arabs who had been found guilty of murdering a Jewish merchant in Haifa last July.

The three Jewish judges announced the verdict on a British mandatory criminal law of 1936.—Associated Press.

Too Many Documents

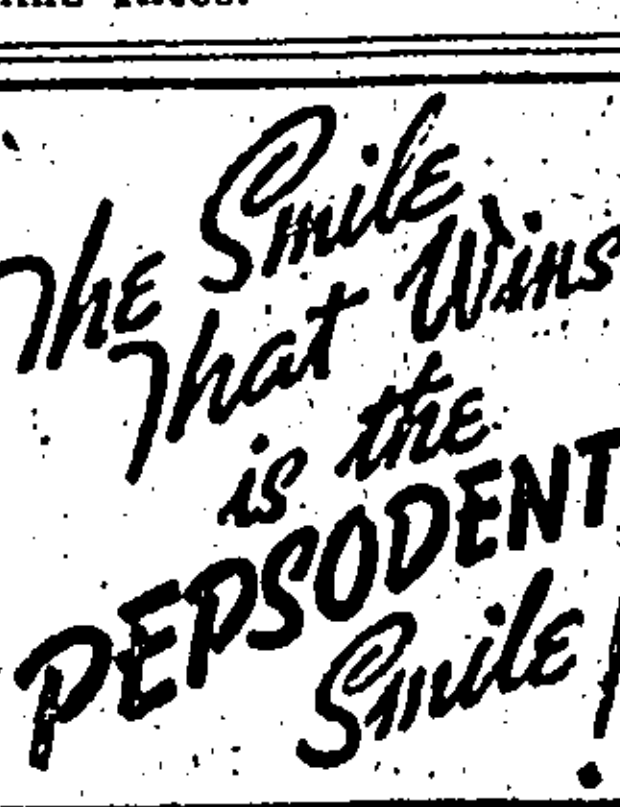
Vienna, May 22.—The Austrian wife of an American soldier was arrested last Friday by Russian zonal border guards because she had too many documents the Provost Marshal said on Sunday.

The soldier is first Sergeant John Murphy, Colonel Willard Leibel, Provost Marshal, said the Murphys were returning from a leave in Germany in their car. Mrs Murphy had her Austrian identity papers as well as a Four-Power grey pass which is used by nationals of the four occupying powers for travel inside Austria.

When the border guards saw both documents they became suspicious and arrested her. Murphy continued to Vienna alone to procure his marriage certificate and other papers to prove the arrested woman was his wife.—Associated Press.

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